

Dear Mayor Hannemann:

Thank you for your letter dated April 5, 2010, related to the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (the “project”). In your letter you advised the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of your proposal ~~to modify a small section of the Honolulu rail project's preferred alignment, which would have crossed Honolulu International Airport's (HIA) central portion of the runway protection zone to refine the proposed alignment on the Honolulu International Airport (HIA) property~~ to avoid ~~substantially~~ impacts ~~to ing~~ HIA facilities and operations, as well as ecologically sensitive resources, and noise sensitive communities. ~~The avoidance of these impacts will be fully documented during the preparation of the FTA staff have also received information from your consultants that describes the potential environmental effects of the proposed alignment adjustment. FTA analysts have thoroughly reviewed that data and determined that discussion of impacts associated with the alignment adjustment may be incorporated directly into the~~ Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

There is much work that still needs to be completed, including consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act ~~for the alignment modification~~ and finalization of the programmatic agreement. In addition, the results of analyses prepared by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ~~will must~~ be incorporated into the FEIS. FAA has pledged its full cooperation and support in expediting completion of the environmental process. I am confident that with the cooperation of other members of your team and your environmental consultants, we will be able to swiftly advance the FEIS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 366-4040 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Peter Rogoff

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